

Commission to examine catches

The Tasmanian Trout Fishing Championships are of particular interest to the Inland Fisheries Commission.

The commission is concerned with the management and conservation of a complex fisheries system in the State and will collect a substantial amount of information through examining fish caught at the weekend.

Senior scientific officer with the IFC at Liawenee, Peter Davies, said it was expected several hundred fish would be checked.

They would provide valuable information as part of an ongoing programme of monitoring and management of trout fisheries in Tasmania.

Of particular interest would be growth rates and the condition of each fish.

IFC representatives would record lengths and take scale samples to establish age and growth rates, as well as noting the area from which each fish was caught.

Mr Davies said information collected at the competition would provide a useful adjunct to other data being compiled by the commission.

A number of rainbow trout tagged at Great Lake in 1985 and 1986 should be included in the two-day catch.

This will be the first year of the IFC's direct involvement with collection of data at the championships.

In the past, association members have forwarded statistics to the commission.

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